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FLEET FORUM

SOUTHEAST SUNBELT REGION

Welcome to the latest edition of the Southeast Sunbelt Region's Fleet Forum. It is designed to provide information on upcoming events and items of general interest to us all.

Please check the mailing address shown on this newsletter. If your name is incorrect or your title, address or office symbol has changed, we want to know. Please contact your local Fleet Manager or Fleet Service Representative (FSR) and ask them to update your address.

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Don't miss out...

IMEAC 2001

Remember the Alamo!

General Services Administration's (GSA) Office of Vehicle Acquisition and Leasing Services and the Executive Council's for the Interagency Motor Equipment Advisory Committee (IMEAC) is sponsoring the 2nd International IMEAC Conference for professionals involved in the management, maintenance, and operation of government motor vehicles. The conference is scheduled to take place April 3-5, 2001, in the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 E. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

This year's theme, **"Fleet Management in the DotCom World"** promises to set the tone for a conference aimed at meeting the demands of a successful fleet management program through partnership with other Federal agencies, state and local governments, and vehicle manufacturers. GSA's fleet leasing/purchasing professionals have an exciting agenda for you with a dozen or more seminars featuring everything from the basics in leasing "how-to's" to the hottest new customer driven fleet internet applications in our industry.

The Southeast Sunbelt Region, Fleet employees and their customers are invited to stay at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel, 205 East Houston Street. For more information on the hotel and to register for the conference, call 361-225-4500 or visit the IMEAC website at

<http://www.fss.gsa.gov/vehicles/leasing/imeac2001.cfm>



April 3rd - 5th, 2001



Buy a GSA Fleet Vehicle

If you wish to purchase a GSA Fleet vehicle please contact our seven commercial auction sites directly for information. Information on our sale dates can be obtained from our website:

<http://regions.fss.gsa.gov/r04/Fleet/page6.cfm>

Chattanooga
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Clarksville, IN
(812) 283-0734

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Aycock Auto Auction
Kenly, NC
(919) 284-5002

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Leesville, SC
(803) 657-5111

MCC/AMC Corner

We would like to welcome our newest members to the Accident Management Center team at Ft. Gillem, GA.

Will Charity
Robert Gould
Bud Welch
Clifford Arnold
Keith Bruce
Israel Guadalupe
George Moises

George joins us from the MCC in Brooklyn, NY and all the others join us from the GSA Distribution Center in Palmetto, GA. Also note that we changed our name from the Accident Control Center (ACC) to Accident

Management Center (AMC) to better describe our business.

The MCC/AMC in Ft. Gillem has greatly expanded their office space to accommodate continued growth in the number of technicians that work there. The AMC is expanding to serve all customers located in the Eastern and Central Time zones. If you are in the Atlanta area and would like a tour of our facility, give Manager, Bill Stoeher, a call. We welcome visitors!

As always, for vehicle repairs, you may reach the MCC technicians by calling 1-888-622-6344 or by fax 404-608-2247. The AMC can be reached by calling 1-888-423-6848. The MCC/AMC web site is <http://regions.fss.gsa.gov/r04/page8.cfm>.

reminders:

- Maintenance...MCC approval required for ALL tire and battery replacements regardless of the cost.
- PM's...it is important that they are done in a timely manner. One vehicle is currently having the short block replaced due to lack of oil changes. The customer is footing the bill of over \$3,000, so be sure to get your PM done when you receive the blue PM notice card in the mail.

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Join Us...

GSA's annual training extravaganza will be held in Orlando, Florida on May 22-24, 2001. EXPO 2001 is a dual Training Conference/Exposition designed for all levels of government who impact procurement decisions.

Attend your choice of over 100 hours of the latest updates in Professional Procurement, Winning Partnerships, Travel & Transportation, E-Business, and much, much more! You won't want to miss this FREE opportunity to help you keep pace with the changes that impact your agency.

The Trade Show will showcase over 800 of GSA's commercial partners - across 300,000 square feet - each featuring a sampling of the wide-range of products and services available through GSA.

Meet and interact with your peers and experts from around the country at this must-see event!

free training...exhibits...



Meet the Southeast Sunbelt Region's Management Team

It is always nice to have a face to put with that voice on the phone. If we haven't already met, we thought a picture taken at our November Fleet Managers Meeting would be helpful. 🗝

1st Row: **Richard Byrd** TN/North MS Fleet Manager, **Bill Stoehr** MCC/AMC Manager, **Linda Pierce** Operations Branch Chief, **Sandra Jones** GA Fleet Manager, **Carolyn Walton** NC Fleet Manager, **Bob Webster** Deputy Director

2nd Row: **Darvis Overstreet** Management Branch Chief, **Dayton Rumbough** FL Fleet Manager, **Ron Brooks** SC Fleet Manager, **Debbie Tague** KY Fleet Manager, **Jeff Burdo** AL/Gulf Coast Fleet Manager, **Jill Stang** Director



Space Coast Leaders "Drive Green"

Two Space Coast agency leaders recently showed the "right stuff" in their support of alternative fuel vehicles (AFV's).

Mr. Roy D. Bridges Jr., NASA Kennedy Space Center, Center Director, received a bi-fuel Honda Civic. He has a fleet of over 500 compressed natural gas and ethanol AFV's. **Brigadier**

General Donald P. Pettit, Commander 45TH Space Wing, Patrick Air Force Base received a bi-fuel Ford Contour and adds this to the Air Force AFV fleet of approximately 200 vehicles. Both leaders' commitment to the AFV Program and the environment demonstrates to their employees and the American public that we are working together to protect our planet for future generations. 🗝

Alternative Fuel Vehicles

Three sites in the Southeast Sunbelt Region continue to lead in AFV's.

At Savannah River Site in Aiken, SC we have approximately 300 Ethanol vehicles and we are projecting another 200 plus for the 2001 procurement.

Ft. Knox, KY has nearly 200 CNG vehicles with another 170 projected for the 2001 procurement.

We continue to grow with our AFV fleet with approximately 400 vehicles at Kennedy Space Center and projecting another 150 plus for the 2001 procurement. GSA is also working with NASA locally to build an E-85 (Ethanol) fueling facility on two sites here at KSC and another CNG station which will allow further expansion of our program. 🗝



Please share this newsletter with your co-workers.

SPOTLIGHT on... Georgia

This is one of the largest FMC's nationwide and supports over 560 different customers in the state of Georgia.

The GA Fleet Management Center (FMC) was established on April 30, 1956, in Atlanta, GA, with three permanent employees, and a fleet of 276 vehicles. We've come a long way baby!

Since then, we have grown to over 5800 vehicles through consolidations of numerous Executive agencies and the military fleets of Ft. Benning, Ft. Stewart, Robins AFB, Marine Corps at Albany and the Strategic Weapons Facility Atlantic at Kings Bay. This is one of the largest FMC's nationwide and supports over 560 different customers in the state of Georgia. The main Fleet Management Center is located at Ft. Gillem with Fleet Offices at Ft. Benning and Ft. Stewart.

Today the GA FMC has 13 permanent employees with 191 years of combined Transportation Experience.

Sandra Jones, Fleet Manager
26 years Transportation Experience

Dave Harrelson, Assistant Fleet Manager
35 years Transportation Experience

Lynne Ridings, Management Support Specialist
10 years Transportation Experience

Lillian Byrd, Transportation Assistant
8 years Transportation Experience

Chuck Banister, FSR
22 years Transportation Experience

Jeff Sitton, FSR
20 years Transportation Experience

Phil Snodgrass, FSR
3 months Transportation Experience

Vivian Jones, FSR
12 years Transportation Experience

Larry Townsend, FSR
21 years Transportation Experience

Melvin Ashley, Transportation Assistant
12 years Transportation Experience

Sara Tholl, Transportation Assistant
10 years Transportation Experience

Aaron Wilhite, FSR
15 years Transportation Experience

Bob Mills, FSR
27 years Transportation Experience

As you can see we have an outstanding team of well qualified Fleet Management professionals providing transportation support in GA. 🔑



GSA FLEET MANAGEMENT CENTER, FT. GILLEM

1st Row: Lynne Ridings, Phil Snodgrass, Sandra Jones

2nd Row: Chuck Banister, Jeff Sitton, Dave Harrelson (not pictured: Lillian Byrd)

Pictured at left: FT. STEWART FLEET OFFICE
Melvin Ashley, Sara Tholl, Bob Mills and Aaron Wilhite

Pictured at right: FT. BENNING FLEET OFFICE
Vivian Jones and Larry Townsend



A large, tilted, lined notepad with three binder holes on the left side. The notepad is white with light gray horizontal lines. It is positioned diagonally across the page, with its top-left corner near the top-left of the page and its bottom-right corner near the bottom-right. The three binder holes are located on the left edge of the notepad, at approximately one-third, two-thirds, and three-quarters of the way down from the top.

Welcome to our newest GSA Fleet Customers!

In September, GSA Fleet consolidated 327 vehicles from the **Navy Air Station** in Key West, FL. Our Fleet Service Representative (FSR), Jesse Kimbrough, is servicing these vehicles and can be reached at 305-620-7984.

In October, 345 vehicles from the **Air Force's Special Operations Command** located at Hurlburt Field (Ft. Walton Beach), Florida were consolidated into GSA Fleet. Our FSR, Angie Huff, is responsible for the vehicles at Hurlburt Field as well as other GSA vehicles located in the Florida panhandle. Some customers may remember Angie when she worked at our Mobile Fleet Office a few years ago. You can reach her at 850-581-0217.

Also in October, we consolidated 127 vehicles from the **Navy Strategic Weapons Facility** at Kings Bay, GA and 249 vehicles from the **Air Force Material**

Command at Robins AFB, GA. Aaron Wilhite, our FSR in Ft. Stewart, will service the Kings Bay vehicles. He may be reached at 912-767-3977. Phil Snodgrass at Fort Gillem, GA will service the Robins AFB vehicles. He may be reached at 404-608-2220.

In November, 161 vehicles were consolidated from the **Naval Air Station** at Meridian, MS. Our FSR in Jackson, MS, Rick Ingram is servicing these vehicles. You can reach him at 601-965-4556.

In December, GSA Fleet consolidated 145 **Navy Construction Battalion Center** vehicles in Gulfport, MS, and the Navy vehicles operated by the **Naval Hospital Command** and the **Navy Exchange Command** at sites located along the Gulf Coast. Garland Sylvest, our FSR at Stennis Space Center, will service GSA Fleet vehicles in this area. He may be reached at 228-688-2064. 📞

more TRIVIA!!!

How fast was New York Cabbie Jacob German driving when he became the first motorist arrested in the U.S. for speeding?

12 miles an hour. The year was 1899 and the arresting officer was on a bicycle.

In what city was the world's first electric traffic light installed 75 years ago?

In Cleveland, Ohio at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and East 105th Street.

A New Method for Reporting Your Mileage To GSA Fleet!

We're excited to announce a new method for reporting your vehicle mileage - Dial-a-Mile is now available! Dial-a-Mile adds to our other programs, Mileage Express and FTP. The toll free telephone number for Dial-a-Mile is 1-877-472-3773.

Dial-a-Mile is for reporting mileages for agencies with 20 vehicles or less. To use Dial-a-Mile, the customer must have the correct access code and tag number combination. Contact your local Fleet Manager or FSR for additional information. 📞



The toll free telephone
number for Dial-a-Mile is
1-877-472-3773.

Managing Vehicle Mileage

Managing a government fleet presents an array of problems not usually encountered in typical private sector fleets. Unlike the private sector, government fleet drivers tend to accumulate mileage at widely varying rates. The goal for GSA Fleet vehicles is to achieve an average mileage during their life cycle of approximately 12,000 miles per vehicle per year for sedans and light trucks. This is to avoid having extremely low or high mileage vehicles at replacement time, such as a two-year-old sedan with 80,000 miles on the odometer, while a three-year-old sedan in the same class shows 5,000 miles on the odometer.

Maximizing the use of the fleet vehicles spreads costs over more miles, thereby, reducing the per-mile cost. By placing low-mileage vehicles in high-use situations equipment life cycle costs stabilize and cost predictability is consolidated into a smaller, more manageable frame of reference. Vehicles of the same age, class and similar mileage generally experience similar cost patterns, allowing trends to be easily identified and tracked. The end result for you, the Fleet

customer, is a modern fleet and a lower operating budget for your agency through competitive rates. Your help in rotating vehicles between high and low utilization users within our fleet is needed.

Some vehicles may not be replaced when they reach GSA Fleet minimum replacement standards and new vehicles may not be offered every time a vehicle is exchanged. This may be due to some vehicles requiring rotation to qualify for replacement or use of a vehicle turned in from another customer to fill your transportation needs. However, we guarantee that all our GSA Fleet vehicles will be in good mechanical and cosmetic condition when assigned to you.

This year many of you have taken an aggressive role in support of this initiative and we thank you for your efforts. Give your Fleet Manager or Fleet Service Representative (FSR) a call if you have questions. We can design or assist you in the development of a rotation plan for vehicles assigned to your agency.

ID please...

What type of personal information could your next new car require from you before the engine can even be started?

- A. A verbal password
- B. Video face match
- C. Retinal eye scan
- D. Finger prints

The answer is D. Cadillac is working on a computerized security system that would require the operator of the vehicle



to place their thumbs on a pad that would read their thumb print. The vehicle's engine cannot be started until the on-board computer confirms the driver's print.

Accessing the history files in some vehicles allows a technician to see vehicle speed, gas pedal position, brake pedal application, ABS function, how sharp the steering wheel is turned, etc. In some cases one can even tell if the vehicle was sliding through a turn.

Yes, the computers in your vehicle know a lot more about you than you may realize.

2002 Federal Vehicle

STANDARDS CONFERENCE

May 15-17, 2001

Holiday Inn
Rosslyn at Key Bridge
Arlington, VA 22209

The Office of Vehicle Acquisition and Leasing Service's Automotive Division will hold its annual **Federal Vehicle Standards Conference** for the 2002 Model Year vehicles at the Holiday Inn in Rosslyn, VA, May 15-17, 2001.

In addition to holding discussions relating to the 2002 model year vehicles, procurement, engineering and e-Business workshops will be held.

Visit us on-line at www.fss.gsa.gov/vehicles/buying or call our Customer CARE line on (703) 308-CARS for updated information.

2001 Vehicle Acquisition

The following chart lists some of the types of new vehicles GSA Fleet will receive this year.

Passenger vehicles normally come in early spring followed by light trucks in the summer. Please respond quickly if you are contacted by your FSR to exchange your current vehicle.

Passenger
Oldsmobile Alero
Chevrolet Impala
Ford Taurus
Dodge Stratus
Vans
Chevrolet Astro AWD
Dodge Caravan
Dodge Short Length Caravan
Light Trucks
Jeep Cherokee
Chevrolet Blazer
Dodge Durango
Ford Excursion
Ford Expedition
Chevrolet Suburban

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